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The Polish Ship Salvage Company (Polskie Ratownictwo Okretowe--PRO) is engaged in salvaging the following wrecks in the Gdynia area:

a. ZEEBRUGGE (ex-German), lying in the Bay of Puck, near Kuznica. She was raised to the surface on 12 or 13 July 1953. When the tugs started towing her, one of the pontoons broke away and the wreck sank again. The raising of wrecks is made difficult by the shortage of pontoons. When the PRO approached the Soviet authorities in Warnemunde for the loan of four 180 ton pontoons, they received a negative reply.

b. A former German submarine, sunk northwest of the GD buoy, on the Gdansk (Danzig)-Gdynia route. Preliminary work on salvaging this submarine started a few days ago.

c. A former German tanker, approximately 18,000 tons. This wreck was found six and a half miles off Gdansk on the Gdansk-Hel passenger service route. Divers who examined the wreck discovered that only her bows are torn. The date for raising the ship has not yet been decided.

d. GOTELEAF (ex-German), sunk near Rozewie. Preliminary work has been started on raising this vessel.

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